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USING THIRD-PARTY KEY PROVIDER**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit  
the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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